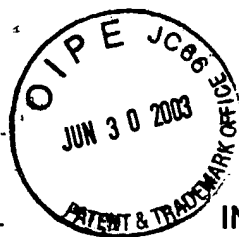


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It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the art cited in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A, initial the left-most column of the form adjacent each cited reference, and return a copy for Applicants' records. It is further requested that the art be cited on the cover of any patent issuing from the subject application.

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Action under §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under §1.311. Accordingly, Applicants certify in accordance with §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the foreign search report is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

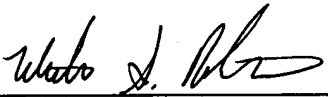
Reference AA is in a language other than the English language. An English translation of the Abstract for Reference AA obtained from the USPTO is attached. The concise explanation of relevance can be found in the drawings and the English translation of the Abstract.

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